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FOR THE BLIND

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1917

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
224-6-8, GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON. W.I.

In consequence of the shortage and high price of paper, due to the War, the Council have again decided to issue the Annual Report of the Institute in its present reduced form.

The National Institute for the Blind,

224-6-8, GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W. 1.

BRANCHES :

Moon Society for the Blind.

Home Teaching Society for the Blind.

Institution for Massage by the Blind.

Convalescent Homes for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

After-Care of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

After-Care of Blind Civilians.

Residential Club for Blind Women.

Home for Blind Babies.

NORTHERN BRANCH :

90, Deansgate, Manchester.

**Hon. Treasurer,
Councillor J. Mathewson Watson.
Secretary, Alfred Stone.**

MIDLAND BRANCH ;

117, Colmore Row, Birmingham.

Secretary, Harry Hillman.

NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH :

**Commercial Union Buildings,
Newcastle-on-Tyne.**

Secretary, Joseph H. Lee.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH :

**41, Arcade Buildings,
Lord Street, Liverpool.**

**Hon. Treasurer, Alderman John Lea, J.P.
Secretary, Richard Lowry.**

SOUTH WALES BRANCH :

98, 100, Queen Street, Cardiff.

Secretary, G. H. Hodges.

IRISH BRANCH :

10, Westmoreland Street, Dublin.

Secretary, W. Rochfort Wade, M.A.

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PATRONS.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING.
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA.

PRESIDENT.

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON, BART., G.B.E.

Executive Council.

Chairman—SIR WASHINGTON RANGER, M.A., D.C.L.

Vice-Chairman—Captain E. B. B. TOWSE, V.C.

Chairman of Book Committee—H. M. TAYLOR, M.A., F.R.S.

Miss ALICE S. ARMITAGE.

Miss E. M. BAINBRIGGE.

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Miss L. DOUGLAS-HAMILTON.

Miss MARGARET E. HIRST.

E. ALEXANDER.

Captain IAN FRASER.

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MESSRS. RANGER, BURTON & FROST, 17, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

Auditors.

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58, Coleman Street, E.C.

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LONDON COUNTY, WESTMINSTER AND PARR'S BANK, LTD.,

Regent's Park Branch, 1, Marylebone Road, N.W.

Secretary-General.

HENRY STAINSBY.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
OF
THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND
for the Year ending 31st March, 1918.

(The Accounts are for the year ending 31st December, 1917.)

The Council has much pleasure in presenting to the members, subscribers and friends of the Institute their report of another year of successful and far-reaching work.

Honours. The Council rejoice that His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased further to recognize the devoted labours of the President, Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., by conferring on him the Grand Cross of the British Empire.

His Majesty has also conferred a Knighthood on the Chairman of the Council, Dr. A. W. G. Ranger. Sir Washington Ranger has, throughout a long life, worked indefatigably in the interests of the blind.

Vice-Presidents. Mr. J. H. Batty and Mr. C. F. Denny have been appointed Vice-Presidents of the Institute, in recognition of valuable services rendered by each to the cause of the sightless.

**New Members
of the Council.**

During the year the following have been appointed members of the Council :—

Mr. Godfrey F. Mowatt, who for many years past has interested himself most keenly in many matters in regard to the blind, and who is a member of the Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind to the Local Government Board.

Captain Ian Fraser, an officer who was blinded in the battle of the Somme in the year 1916, and who since having passed through a period of re-education at St. Dunstan's has taken up important duties in connection with the After-Care of men who, like himself, have lost their sight at the Front.

**Publishing
Department.**

The output of the Publishing Department has been well maintained, despite the increasing difficulties of obtaining paper, metal, binding materials, etc.

The figures are as follows :—

BRAILLE PUBLICATIONS :—

| | | | | |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|------|----------------|
| <i>Literature</i> | .... | Bound volumes | .... | 11,829 |
| | | Pamphlets | .... | 11,733 |
| | | Magazines | .... | 43,755 |
| | | Instruction cards | .... | 4,824 |
| | | Newspapers | .... | 110,638 |
| <i>Music</i> | .... | Bound volumes | .... | 974 |
| | | Pieces of Music | .... | 13,848 |
| | | | | <u>197,601</u> |

Braille Book Plates produced:—

| | | | |
|------------|------|------|--------------------|
| Literature | .... | .... | 19,673 |
| Music | .... | .... | 2,570 |
| | | | <hr/> 22,243 <hr/> |

MOON PUBLICATIONS:—

| | | |
|----------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Bound volumes | | 4,450 |
| Pamphlets, Magazines, etc. | | 4,860 |
| | | <hr/> 9,310 <hr/> |

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|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|
| <i>Moon Book Plates</i> produced | | | 5,347 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|-------|

The partial adoption of British Braille by America will have the effect of making the books published in America available in Great Britain, and there are significant signs that books published in British Braille are becoming more and more in demand in America.

The Council desire to place on record their warm appreciation of the generosity of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust for setting aside £3,000 for Braille book plates and £1,000 for Moon book plates, to be spread over a period of three years. Other friends, notably the Dickens Fellowship and the Rosebery-Burns Club, have voluntarily come forward with handsome donations to provide book plates for the production of embossed works of their favourite authors. To all of these the Council tender their warmest thanks. As the result of this generous action on the part of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, your Council has been able to provide the National Library for the Blind with large quantities of embossed literature and music for free circulation.

After many meetings of experts, organized by the Institute's Director of Music, Mr. H. C. Warrilow, F.R.C.O., followed by long periods of testing, many drastic changes have been made in the Braille music notation, and these have been published by the Institute under the title, "Additions to Braille Music Notation."

The Musical world is much the richer by the works of blind composers, of whom there are not a few whose compositions hold front rank. A full list of the works of these composers has been prepared by the Institute's Director of Music and is available on application to the Institute.

A Braille code for the Hebrew language has been prepared by the Rev. C. F. Waudby, M.A., and the Rev. Canon Rendell, by invitation of our Book Committee; also a code for the Welsh language, by the Rev. J. Puleston Jones, M.A., B.D., and a Committee working with him. These codes have been adopted by the Institute, and will be used, when occasion requires, in the Institute's publications.

Attention is being directed at the present time to the issue of works required for Higher Education. These are specially in demand by the College for the Higher Education of the Blind, Worcester, in the management and progress of which the Council is particularly interested.

A section of the Publishing Department is engaged in producing hand-written copies of books which are required in small quantities only. Many of these books are of a highly technical character and can only be transcribed into Braille by well-qualified writers. These writers, who are

all volunteers, are trained through the Manuscript Department. The number under training now averages 150. Braille copies of books having been secured by means of sighted volunteer workers, additional copies are made by blind paid workers. It is difficult to over-estimate the value of this department.

Branches. In addition to the SOUTH WALES and NORTHERN BRANCHES, mentioned in the Institute's last report, three new Branches have been opened during the year under review, namely :—

The MIDLAND BRANCH, 117, Colmore Row, Birmingham (Secretary, Mr. Harry Hillman).

NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH, Commercial Union Buildings, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne (Secretary, Mr. Joseph H. Lee).

LIVERPOOL BRANCH, 41, Arcade Buildings, Lord Street, Liverpool (Secretary, Mr. Richard Lowry).

The work of all the Branches continues to be most satisfactory, and the Council desire to record their appreciation of the efforts of the honorary officers and staff who have worked assiduously, and their gratitude to the public who have supported the Institute through its Branches.

The Report of the IRISH BRANCH, under the Secretaryship of Mr. W. Rochfort Wade, M.A., is published separately, and will be forwarded on application. It is a record of good work well done under somewhat difficult conditions.

The HOME TEACHING BRANCH has made excellent progress. The number of blind on the registers is 3,696, of whom 256 are new pupils who have learnt to read during the year.

Twenty-seven blind men are now employed as paid teachers and visitors. These travel in and around London, and the counties of Middlesex, Essex, Herts, Kent, Surrey and Sussex, and two large districts in Hampshire. Seventeen Home Teaching and Visiting Societies in the Provinces are now affiliated to this Branch of the Institute's work.

The total expenditure for the year on this valuable part of our work was £3,620.

A separate Report of this Branch with audited Accounts is published, and copies will be sent on application.

The work of the MOON SOCIETY BRANCH has gone forward with unabated vigour, the output of books being about the same as in the previous year. The production of plates in 1917 exceeded that of 1916 by 1,372.

The plant of the Moon Society is now being improved and enlarged, in view of the increasing demand for books in this type for the use of the aged blind.

A special Report of the Moon Society Branch is issued by the Institute.

MASSAGE BRANCH—Since the National Institute started a School of Massage in 1915, forty-one students have successfully passed the examinations of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses, thirty-six being blinded soldiers from St. Dunstan's and five blind civilian students.

For the remainder of the war, the Massage Branch will be devoted entirely to the training of blinded soldiers, sixteen students being at present under instruction. Fifty-five students are in training at St. Dunstan's School of Massage, where the preliminary course is conducted, and all these men will eventually finish their course at the National Institute. Every student who has passed the examination has been appointed to a military hospital or other curative establishment.

Owing to the Massage Department being devoted to blinded soldiers and sailors, the training of civilian students could not be undertaken directly by the Institute, but the Council have assisted twenty-three such students by providing fees, books, etc.

At the Swedish Remedial Exercises Examination, held by the Incorporated Society in July, 1917, Percy Linney Way, a blind instructor at the National Institute for the Blind, came out first with distinction in all England. Eighty-seven sighted candidates sat for this examination.

A blinded Canadian of St. Dunstan's, Donald J. McDougall, qualified at the Massage Examination, December, 1917, and passed second with distinction in all England.

Chaplains. In March, 1917, the Rev. A. C. Carter was appointed Free Church Chaplain of the Institute, and works in the Free Churches south of an imaginary line connecting the Severn with the Wash. The Rev. David Griffiths, the other Free Church Chaplain, works north of the line. The Rev. H. E. C. Lewis, M.A., F.R.C.O., Church of England Chaplain, preaches and lectures in connection with the Church of England.

The Council warmly appreciate the efforts of the chaplains in awakening interest in the blind throughout the country, and in raising funds on behalf of the Institute's work.

**Hostel for
Blind Women.**

This Hostel (or residential Club), situated in close proximity to the Institute, was opened in February, 1917, and has proved a great boon to our blind women workers. The average number in permanent residence is thirty-two, and the Hostel also provides accommodation for a considerable number of occasional visitors. Difficulties arising from the food rationing have been met in the most effective manner, so that the residents of the Club suffer little from the general food shortage. Social life at the Club is carefully catered for, and the Council desire to express their warmest thanks to those friends who in a great variety of ways have contributed to the pleasures available for its members.

**College for the
Higher Education
of Blind Girls.**

Through the munificence of one of our Vice-Presidents, Mr. J. H. Batty, the Council has become possessed of The Cedars, Chorley Wood, Herts, a magnificent mansion, standing in its own beautifully-wooded grounds, forty acres in extent. As soon as the war is over, The Cedars will be used as a College for the Higher Education of Blind Girls, and will occupy a position analogous to that of the College for the Higher Education of Blind Boys, Worcester. In the meantime, The Cedars will be reserved for the use of blinded soldiers and sailors

under training at St. Dunstan's. The Council desire to place on record their warmest thanks to Mr. Batty for his most handsome gift.

The Council would remind the members and subscribers of the Institute that the Departmental Committee on the Welfare of the Blind drew attention in their Report to the need for a school for the higher education of blind girls; Mr. Batty's generosity is, therefore, the more opportune.

The Employment of Blind Women. In order to encourage the employment of blind women, the Council have lent to the London Knitting Industries, free of all charges, knitting machines to the value of over £500. They are much gratified to report that as a result, remunerative employment has been given to a considerable number of blind women.

Child Welfare. In the Council's last Report reference was made to the Institute's activities with regard to the care of very young blind children. These activities have taken the form of establishing a Home for Blind Babies at Chorley Wood, Herts. This Home, the first of its kind in the Empire, has been made possible through the munificence of Her Majesty the Queen, Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, Her Grace Adeline Duchess of Bedford, J. H. Batty, Esq., and other friends.

The Home, which will be known as "Sunshine House," stands in its own grounds, nine acres in extent, in one of

the healthiest and most picturesque parts of Hertfordshire. It will accommodate about twenty-five blind babies.

In the past no systematic efforts have been made to restore or improve the sight of these little children, while the inability of their parents to train them as they should be trained has resulted in the acquisition by the children of objectionable habits which are difficult to eradicate.

The children will be transferred from "Sunshine House" to certified schools for the blind when they arrive at the statutory age of five years.

Miss E. Walker Finlay, one of the Institute's Lady Organizers, to whose initiative the establishment of the Home is due, will have the oversight of the actual teaching of the children.

**The Hadley
Institute.**

The welfare of mentally defective blind people has long engaged the serious attention of the Council, and they are pleased to report that during the year an opportunity was afforded them of putting their interest into tangible form by uniting with the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind to establish an Institute for mentally defective blind people. The Institute will be called the Hadley Institute, and will be erected on an excellent building site, given by Miss Sarah Hadley, of Smethwick, Birmingham, and conveyed to the joint Institutions. A Committee representing the Royal Institution and the National Institute has been appointed, and has already set to work to prepare for the erection and equipment of the Hadley Institute.

**Convalescent
Homes for
Blinded Soldiers
and Sailors.**

In addition to the two Convalescent Homes for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors at Brighton, one at Blackheath and one at Ilkley, the Council has now come into possession of Suffolk Hall, Cheltenham, through the generosity of Mr. A. H. Bankier, who has presented this fine house, standing in its own grounds, one and a half acres in extent. Mr. Bankier has also given £1,000 for overhauling the property, so as to make it entirely suitable for the reception of blinded soldiers and sailors. For this most generous and spontaneous gift the President and Council are deeply grateful.

Suffolk Hall will not be available until after the war, as it is now being used as a Red Cross Hospital.

**Settlement and
After-Care of
Blinded Soldiers
and Sailors.**

This work is carried on at St. Dunstan's under the personal supervision of Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., G.B.E., President of the Institute and Chairman of the Blinded Soldiers and Sailors Care Committee. The Institute is contributing largely to the funds for carrying on this work, and will eventually assume entire responsibility.

At the time of writing this Report the number of men who had passed through St. Dunstan's, were in training there, or would enter the Hostel when sufficiently convalescent was 1,129. When it is realized that this number must inevitably grow, the magnitude and importance of the work of re-educating the men and starting them in life must be apparent. As the After-Care of the men will be carried on by the National Institute after St. Dunstan's is closed, and will, moreover, extend over a very long period,

it must also be evident that a very large sum of money will be required by the Institute if the needs of the men are to be at all adequately met.

A full and interesting account of the work of St. Dunstan's, prepared by the President, will be gladly supplied on application.

**Civilian
After-Care
Department.**

The importance and magnitude of the Civilian After-Care Department are shown by the fact that nearly 1,500 cases were dealt with during 1917, while its growth is indicated by the 907 new cases investigated during the year.

Great resourcefulness is needed by the Superintendent, Mr. P. W. Hale, and his staff to deal successfully with the sad and difficult cases which are passed on to this department daily. Advice, financial assistance, tuition, grants of tools and materials, sale of articles made by the blind home workers, securing situations, are a few among the many methods of helping the scattered blind for whom no other adequate provision is made.

**Blinded
Operatives'
Department.**

Your Council are pleased to report that the work of this Department under the Secretaryship of Mr. Ben Purse continues to grow and its usefulness is constantly demonstrated. Not only is it possible to make adequate provision for all cases reported to the Institute of persons losing their sight in industrial occupations, but the mere fact of prompt action by the Institute saves much unnecessary suffering and mental dejection on the part of those who are suddenly deprived of sight.

An ever-increasing number of cases is being dealt with by the Institute and results have proved that careful training and subsequent employment have enabled these men and women to continue to be assets to the community instead of burdens on it.

The grateful thanks of your Council are due to the sighted industrial workers throughout the country, who by their financial help have made the work of this Department possible.

**Advisory
Committee
on the Welfare
of the Blind.**

As a result of the Report of the Departmental Committee on the Welfare of the Blind, the Right Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, has appointed a Committee for England and Wales, called the Advisory Committee on the Welfare of the Blind. The duty of this Committee is to advise the Central Authority set up in the Local Government Board on matters appertaining to the Welfare of the Blind.

Of the seventeen members of this Committee, five hold office on the Council or Staff of the Institute, namely :—

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON, BART., G.B.E., President,
G. F. MOWATT, J.P., Member of the Council,
HENRY STAINSBY, Secretary-General,
BEN PURSE, Secretary of the Blinded Operatives'
Department,
H. C. WARRILOW, Director of Music.

The Advisory Committee, under the Chairmanship of the Right Hon. Stephen Walsh, M.P., commenced its

duties at the Local Government Board on December 13th, 1917, and has already dealt with many important problems relating to the blind.

Similar Advisory Committees have been set up for Scotland and Ireland, Mr. W. Rochfort Wade, M.A., the Institute's Secretary for Ireland, being a member of the latter.

In connection with the Report of the Departmental Committee and the appointment of the Advisory Committee, an important Conference of representatives of Institutions, Societies and Agencies for the Blind was held in the Armitage Hall of the Institute on Friday, 7th December, 1917. The President of the Institute, Sir Arthur Pearson, Bart., G.B.E., presided. The Conference was of a thoroughly representative character, being attended by 230 Delegates, representing 117 Institutions and Societies for the Blind. The Right Hon. W. Hayes Fisher, M.P., was present and greatly encouraged the Conference by a most illuminating and optimistic address.

A Summary of the Proceedings has been published and copies may be obtained free on application to the Institute.

Blind Musicians' Concert Party. Under the direction of Lady Pearson, the Blind Musicians' Concert Party in connection with the Institute has raised the record sum of £24,603 7s. 9d., towards the maintenance of St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors during the year under review. The time, effort, and organization required to bring about such results are worthy of the highest praise, and the Council again desire to record their warmest

thanks to Lady Pearson for the skill and devotion which have brought about such gratifying results.

Legacies.

The legacies received during the year amounted to £11,136, including £10,000 from the estate of the late Mr. Salomons, and £1,000 from the Executors of the late Mr. G. P. Holmes. For these the Council record their deep gratitude.

Finance.

The President and Council are deeply grateful to all the kind friends of the Institute who have again come forward to support it financially during the past year, in its work for the blind generally and the blinded soldier in particular. Among the donors have been His Majesty the King, Her Majesty the Queen, and Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

The donors and subscribers to the Institute's funds number many thousands, and they are found in all parts of Great Britain and her Empire, and in many other parts of the world. Each donation has been gratefully acknowledged, but in these times of paper shortage the list is far too long to print.

The Accounts are presented in a more condensed form than those of last year, but equally show the financial position of the Institute. As a part, at least, of its operations bring it within the scope of the War Charities Act, it has become necessary to keep separate Accounts for the General and the War Charity Branches, but they are here, for clearness, rendered in combined form.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, the Council again record their gratitude to Almighty God for the wonderful success which has attended their efforts during the year now closed.

STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1917.

Balance Sheet, General Account.

Revenue and Expenditure Account.

Canadian Account and Investments on
Capital Accounts.

Blinded Soldiers and Sailors and After-
Care Branch Revenue and Expenditure
Account.

Blinded Soldiers and Sailors and After-
Care Branch Balance Sheet.

Blinded Soldiers and Sailors and After-
Care Branch Investments and Freehold
Properties.

BALANCE SHEET, GENERAL ACCOUNT,

31st December, 1917.

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| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----------|----|----|---------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| To Sundry Creditors | 9,609 | 18 | 8 | | | | 7,531 | 2 | 0 |
| Capital Account for Building and Equipment— | | | | | | | 24,000 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance at 31st December, 1916 ... | 69,857 | 13 | 5 | | | | | | |
| Less Surplus, Transferred to Accumulated Funds... | 2,779 | 6 | 11 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 67,078 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| Reserve for Repairs and Renewals— | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1916 ... | 656 | 18 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Transfer from Revenue and Expenditure Account | 343 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Accumulated Funds— | | | | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1916 ... | 41,254 | 8 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Add Legacies— | | | | | | | | | |
| Exors. of the late— | | | | | | | | | |
| Leopold Salomons, Esq. | 10,000 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| G. P. Holmes, Esq. | 1,000 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| A. G. Watson, Esq. | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Albert Gearing, Esq. | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Miss Jane Wakefield | 90 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Miss E. L. Boucher | 30 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Miss J. C. Sherwood | 28 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Madame Burnsel | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 11,363 | 1 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Carried forward ... | £52,617 | 9 | 11 | £77,688 | 5 | 2 | | | |
| By Cash at Bank and in hand ... | | | | | | | 7,531 | 2 | 0 |
| Cash on temporary Deposit | | | | | | | 24,000 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | | | | | 31,531 | 2 | 0 |
| Investments on Capital Accounts— | | | | | | | | | |
| (A) For General Purposes— | | | | | | | | | |
| Freehold Houses and Ground Rents | 13,120 | 3 | 3 | | | | | | |
| Leasehold Houses | 3,387 | 8 | 7 | | | | | | |
| | 16,507 | 11 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Investments, at market price 31st December, 1917, as detailed on page 24 | 11,648 | 7 | 0 | | | | | | |
| | 28,155 | 18 | 10 | | | | | | |
| (B) For Building and Equipment— | | | | | | | | | |
| Lease of 224-228, Great Portland Street, W.1 | 1,250 | 15 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Expenditure on Erection and Equipment to 31st Dec., 1917 ... | 60,822 | 16 | 7 | | | | | | |
| | 62,073 | 11 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Plant, Less Depreciation at 10% ... | 6,000 | 9 | 4 | | | | | | |
| Furniture and Fittings, Less Depreciation at 10% | 4,620 | 8 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Residential Club for Blind Women: Furniture and Fittings | 304 | 15 | 9 | | | | | | |
| Organ (Armitage Hall) | 1,657 | 6 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Stock, taken by Officials of the Institute at or below cost | 17,548 | 19 | 2 | | | | | | |
| Carried forward ... | £151,892 | 11 | 5 | | | | | | |

| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
|--|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| Brought forward ... | 52,617 | 9 11 | 77,688 | 5 2 |
| Donations of Stock— | | | | |
| Exors. of the late A. W. Sharpe, Esq.— | | | | |
| 4½% Gt. Western Ry. Stock ... | 500 | 0 0 | | |
| 4% Port of Lon- don "B" Stock | 500 | 0 0 | | |
| | 1,000 | 0 0 | | |
| Per Mrs. H. G. Johnston— | | | | |
| 5% War Stock 1929/47 ... | 100 | 0 0 | | |
| Surplus from Capital Account for Building and Equipment ... | 2,779 | 6 11 | | |
| Balance of Revenue and Expendi- ture Account ... | 27,072 | 6 4 | | |
| | 83,569 | 3 2 | | |
| Less Value of Property transferred to Blinded Soldiers and Sailors After-Care Branch ... | 1,513 | 0 0 | 82,056 | 3 2 |
| | | | £159,744 | 8 4 |

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations which we have required, and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet at the 31st December, 1917, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shewn by the books of the Institute.

58, COLEMAN STREET, E. C. 2,
24th June 1918.

| | £ | s. d. | £ | s. d. |
|--|---|-------|---------|-------|
| Brought forward ... | | | 151,892 | 11 5 |
| Sundry Trade Debtors and debit Balances ... | | | 7,651 | 16 11 |
| Loan : Eyes to the Blind Society ... | | | 200 | 0 0 |

The Secretary-General certifies that the Institute has upwards of 135,796 plates, which are used for producing the books in circulation and specified in the Institute's Catalogue. These are of the approximate value to the Institute £14,999 11s. 6d., but if sold as old metal on the 31st December, 1917, they would have realised £1975 3s. 7d. They are not included in the above Balance Sheet.

A. W. G. RANGER } *Members of the*
ARTHUR PEARSON } *Executive Council.*

JACKSON, PIXLEY, BROWNING, HUSEY & CO.,
Chartered Accountants,
Auditors.

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REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

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| REVENUE. | | | EXPENDITURE. | | |
|---|----------|-------|--|--------|--------------|
| £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| To Subscriptions, Donations and Collections... | 86,205 | 13 2 | By Paper, Printing, Binding Materials, etc. ... | 21,590 | 8 3 |
| Balance from Northern Branch ... | 1,424 | 4 4 | Raw Materials, etc., Civilian After-Care Branch ... | 3,795 | 8 6 |
| Balance from Chaplain's Account | 1,746 | 17 11 | Salaries and Wages to Blind Operatives and Sighted Officials ... | 17,923 | 3 0 |
| Income from Investments and Interest on Deposit ... | 911 | 1 3 | Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance ... | 1,607 | 11 6 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue ... | 76 | 15 4 | Repairs and Maintenance to Machinery ... | 452 | 17 3 |
| Armitage Fund for the Employment of Blind Writers ... | 96 | 13 6 | Repairs and Maintenance to Premises | 751 | 12 5 |
| Income received from The Workshipul Company of Clothworkers, Trustees of The Armitage Memorial Fund ... | 122 | 0 0 | Fuel, Light, Water and Power ... | 1,204 | 9 8 |
| Home for Blind Babies: Donations and Collections ... | 3,441 | 8 6 | Illustrations and Publicity ... | 1,293 | 18 5 |
| Message Branch: Donations and Sundry Receipts ... | 542 | 5 8 | Postage and Carriage ... | 879 | 4 6 |
| Sale of Books, Apparatus, etc. ... | 17,216 | 5 4 | Expenditure on account of Special Stereo Plates ... | 1,719 | 9 9 |
| Sales Civilian After-Care Branch | 1,044 | 5 10 | General Expenses ... | 218 | 2 6 |
| | 18,260 | 11 2 | Legal and Professional Charges ... | 1,486 | 12 8 |
| | | | Stationery, Books and Sundries ... | 449 | 1 7 |
| | | | Grants— | 928 | 0 11 |
| | | | Home Teaching Society ... | 2,745 | 4 5 |
| | | | Moon Society, Brighton ... | 1,950 | 0 0 |
| | | | Worcester College for the Blind ... | 1,000 | 0 0 |
| | | | Hastings and St. Leonards School for the Blind ... | 200 | 0 0 |
| | | | Eyes to the Blind Society ... | 150 | 0 0 |
| | | | Barclay Workshops for the Blind | 100 | 0 0 |
| | | | Walthamstow Blind Society ... | 50 | 0 0 |
| | | | Church Missionary Society ... | 25 | 0 0 |
| | | | Channels of Blessing Magazine ... | 25 | 0 0 |
| Carried forward ... | £112,827 | 10 10 | Carried forward ... | £6,245 | 4 5 |
| | | | | | £53,095 11 3 |

| £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|---|----------|----|----|--------|----|----|
| Brought forward ... | 112,827 | 10 | 10 | | | |
| Brought forward ... | 6,245 | 4 | 5 | 53,095 | 11 | 3 |
| Bolton Workshops for the Blind ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Southern Association for the Blind ... | 20 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Moon Blind Relief Society ... | 18 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| College of Teachers of the Blind ... | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Richmond National Institution for the Blind (Ireland) ... | 100 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Belfast Association for the Employment of the Blind (Ireland) ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Association for the Relief of Indigent Blind (Dublin) ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Higher Education for the Blind ... | 185 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Child Welfare Societies ... | 41 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| Relief to Necessitous Blind and Wages to Blind Collectors ... | 6,729 | 14 | 5 | | | |
| Residential Club for Blind Women (<i>less Receipts</i>) ... | 22,149 | 10 | 11 | | | |
| Massage Branch : Salaries, Books, Apparatus, etc. ... | 1,043 | 9 | 11 | | | |
| Home for Blind Babies : Preliminary Expenses ... | 693 | 15 | 2 | | | |
| Armitage Fund for the Employment of Blind Writers ... | 97 | 9 | 10 | | | |
| Loss on Revaluation of Investments .. Depreciation— | 125 | 4 | 3 | | | |
| Plant ... | 192 | 1 | 8 | | | |
| Furniture Fixtures ... | 666 | 14 | 4 | | | |
| Lease 38-40, Langham Street ... | 513 | 7 | 7 | | | |
| Provision for Repairs and Renewals Balance to Balance Sheet ... | 105 | 4 | 0 | | | |
| | 1,285 | 5 | 11 | | | |
| | 343 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| | 27,072 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| | £112,827 | 10 | 10 | | | |

CANADIAN ACCOUNT, 31st December, 1917. Cr.

Dr.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|---------------|-------------|
| To Balance, 1st January, 1917 | ... | 212 | 14 11 |
| Donations and Collections, net sum | ... | 4,132 | 1 9 |
| | | <u>£4,344</u> | <u>16 8</u> |

INVESTMENTS ON CAPITAL ACCOUNTS.

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---------|----|----|
| 4½% Great Western Railway Debenture Stock | 420 | 0 | 0 |
| 4% Port of London "B" Debenture Stock | 375 | 0 | 0 |
| Sir Alfred Jones, Endowment Fund | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 5% Exchequer Bonds | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| French War Loans (400 f. Rentes) | 256 | 0 | 0 |
| 2½% Consols | 132 | 19 | 2 |
| 2½% Midland Railway Debenture Stock | 391 | 13 | 7 |
| 2½% Metropolitan Consolidated Stock | 123 | 15 | 2 |
| 3½% New South Wales Consolidated Stock | 282 | 18 | 9 |
| 4% New South Wales Consolidated Stock | 324 | 0 | 0 |
| 3% Local Loan Consolidated Stock | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| 3% India Consolidated Stock | 244 | 3 | 7 |
| 3½% India Consolidated Stock | 128 | 0 | 0 |
| 2½% India Consolidated Stock | 202 | 11 | 5 |
| 5% Great Western Railway Guaranteed Stock | 229 | 7 | 2 |
| National War Bonds | 1,150 | 0 | 0 |
| 5% War Loan | 4,664 | 2 | 8 |
| War Stock (Leeds Embossed Books Fund) | 1,283 | 15 | 6 |
| | £11,648 | 7 | 0 |

BLINDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND AFTER-CARE BRANCH REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Dr.

for the year ended 31st December, 1917.

Cr.

| REVENUE. | | | | EXPENDITURE. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----|----|-------------------------------------|--------|-----|---------------|
| | £ | s | d. | £ | s | d. | |
| To Donations and Collections ... | 287,395 | 4 | 5 | By Salaries and Wages ... | | | £ s. d. |
| Ditto, Ditto, Canadian Account... | 3,785 | 18 | 0 | Printing and Stationery ... | | | 2,612 9 9 |
| | | | | Albert Hall Bazaar Expenses and | | | 1,105 12 8 |
| Dividends on Investments ... | 4,987 | 12 | 4 | Advertising ... | 2,703 | 9 7 | |
| Interest on Deposits ... | 1,092 | 4 | 2 | General Expenses ... | 502 | 9 8 | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Income Tax Recoverable ... | | | | Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance | | | 3,205 19 3 |
| Sale of Raw Materials and Manu- | | | | Repairs and Maintenance to Sun- | | | 1,309 16 4 |
| factured Goods ... | | | | dry Properties ... | | | 529 8 11 |
| | | | | Legal and Professional Charges ... | | | 391 16 6 |
| | | | | Travelling Visitors' Expenses and | | | |
| | | | | Disbursements ... | | | 2,379 4 5 |
| | | | | Purchase of Raw Materials ... | | | 3,294 6 1 |
| | | | | Expenditure on Convalescent | | | |
| | | | | Homes for Blinded Soldiers and | | | |
| | | | | Sailors ... | | | 7,764 13 5 |
| | | | | Payments to St. Dunstan's Hostel | | | |
| | | | | for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors— | | | |
| | | | | After-Care ... | 12,000 | 0 0 | |
| | | | | Upkeep ... | 26,000 | 0 0 | |
| | | | | Gross Proceeds of Concerts ... | 24,603 | 7 9 | |
| | | | | Payment to Blinded Officers' | | | |
| | | | | Account ... | 63,500 | 0 0 | |
| | | | | | | | 126,103 7 9 |
| | | | | | | | 1,088 19 3 |
| | | | | Loss on Revaluation of Investments | | | |
| | | | | Depreciation on Furniture, Fix- | | | |
| | | | | tures and Equipment at Con- | | | |
| | | | | valescent Homes ... | | | 459 16 0 |
| | | | | Balance carried to Balance Sheet... | | | 150,396 1 3 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | £300,641 11 7 |

Dr.

Cr.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|--|--------|---------|-----|----------|----|----|
| To Sundry Creditors | ... | ... | ... | 624 | 6 | 9 |
| Accumulated Funds— | | | | | | |
| Balance at 31st December, 1916 | 79,091 | 12 | 11 | | | |
| Add—Legacy. | ... | | | | | |
| Executors of the late Mrs. Wilhelmina Bergmann | ... | 200 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Donations. | | | | | | |
| Wm. R. Smith Endowment Policy | ... | 214 | 7 | 0 | | |
| 5% War Bond | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Value of Property transferred from General Account | ... | 1,513 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Balance from Revenue and Expenditure Account | ... | 150,396 | 1 | 3 | | |
| | | | | 231,465 | 1 | 2 |
| | | | | £232,089 | 7 | 11 |

A. W. G. RANGER } *Members of the*
ARTHUR PEARSON } *Executive Council.*

We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations, which we have required, and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet at the 31st December, 1917, is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Institute's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shewn by the books of the Institute.

58, COLEMAN STREET, E.C. 2,
25th June, 1918.

BLINDED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND AFTER-CARE BRANCH.

INVESTMENTS.

| | | | | | | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------|----|----|---------|----|----|
| 5% Exchequer Bonds, 1922 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23,800 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| War Savings Certificate | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 77 | 10 | 0 | | | |
| 5% War Stock, 1929-47 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 108,854 | 16 | 5 | | | |
| 5% War Bond, 1929-47 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 4% New Zealand Stock | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,400 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 4% New South Wales Stock | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,240 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 4% Gold Coast Government Stock | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3,289 | 8 | 9 | | | |
| 4% South Indian Railway Debentures | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,880 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 5% National War Bonds, 1924 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 300 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| 5% Bradford Corporation Mortgage | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 200 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Hornshaw's Endowment— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5% War Stock, 1929-47 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,099 | 8 | 4 | | | |
| Endowment Policy | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 214 | 7 | 0 | | | |
| Mortgage on Freehold Property | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,500 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 149,905 | 10 | 6 |

FREEHOLD PROPERTIES.

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|----------|----|---|
| Basingstoke | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,421 | 17 | 7 | | |
| Lingfield | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 631 | 6 | 9 | | |
| Ilkley | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,552 | 8 | 5 | | |
| West House, Brighton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,704 | 7 | 7 | | |
| Burnham-on-Crouch | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 265 | 0 | 0 | | |
| King's Langley | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,961 | 13 | 7 | | |
| Malswick | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 235 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Exeter House, Gravesend | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 550 | 0 | 0 | | |
| Brimpton | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 376 | 14 | 3 | | |
| Henley's Farm, Henham: Deposit | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 65 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | 14,763 | 8 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | | | £164,668 | 18 | 8 |

Subscribers are invited to sign, detach, and return to the NATIONAL INSTITUTE for the BLIND, Great Portland Street, W.1, the annexed Bankers' Order for the payment of their Annual Subscription. In this way all future trouble in renewing the payment is avoided and the Bankers will pay the amount direct without further order.

This Order can be withdrawn at any time.

BANKERS' ORDER.

Name of Bankers. _____ Date _____ 19__

Branch _____

Pay to the Account of the National Institute for the Blind, at the LONDON COUNTY, WESTMINSTER & PARR'S BANK, Ltd. (Regent's Park Branch, 1, Marylebone Road, W.), my Subscription of _____

now, and continue to pay the amount yearly on the 1st of _____ in each year until further notice, without application.

Signature _____

Address _____

Place
for
Stamp.



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To the Hon. Treasurer of

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The National Institute for the Blind,

224, 226 & 228, GREAT PORTLAND STREET, LONDON, W.1.

I have pleasure in assisting the above Institute in the following manner:—

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(Please state whether Mr., Mrs., Miss, etc.)

(Address)

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Form of Bequest.

The following Form of Bequest is recommended to those who may be desirous of assisting the Institute by way of Legacies.

I give and bequeath to the National Institute for the Blind,
Great Portland Street, London, W.1, the sum of.....
.....
free of Duty, to be applied for the general purposes of the said
Institute, the receipt of the Treasurer for the time being of the
said Institute to be a good discharge for such legacy.

N.B.—By the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891, Property of all kinds, including Land of any tenure, and also Money lent on Mortgage and the securities therefor, may now lawfully be given to Charitable Institutions by Will.